I.   *In the claims:*

Please amend the application as follows:

1. (Currently Amended)   A <u>computer implemented</u> method for billing ~~users in a service provider environment~~ comprising ~~the steps of~~:

   (a)   assigning a weight score to ~~each of at least one~~ <u>a</u> webserver function, wherein said score is a property of said function;

   (b)   identifying a user;

   (c)   ~~identifying from a file~~ <u>determining if said</u> ~~at least one~~ function <u>has been</u> accessed by the user;

   (d)   ~~determining~~ <u>identifying</u> a number of uses of the function accessed <u>in response to said determination</u> ~~by the user~~; and

   (e)   ~~determining~~ <u>calculating</u> an amount of usage by combining the number of uses of the function accessed by the user with the weight assigned to ~~that~~ <u>the</u> function<u>;</u> <u>and</u>

   (f)   <u>billing said user for said calculated amount of usage.</u>

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of ~~determining~~ <u>calculating</u> an amount of usage ~~comprises the step of~~ <u>includes</u> multiplying the number of uses of the function accessed by the user by the weight assigned to that function.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining a total amount of usage for the user by <u>conducting a summation of a quantity of said amount</u> ~~summing amounts~~ of usage.

4. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the file is a webserver function log file.

5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the file is a user log file.

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6. (Currently Amended) A <u>computer implemented</u> system for billing a user in a service provider environment, wherein said system comprises <u>comprising</u>:

    (a)   a function weight that is assigned to each of at least one <u>a web-server</u> <u>implemented</u> function, wherein said weight is a property of said function;

    (b)   a user identification;

    (c)   at least one <u>said</u> function <u>adapted to be</u> that is accessed by the user from a file;

    (d)   <u>a manager adapted to track</u> a number of uses of the function accessed by the user; and

    (e)   an <u>a usage</u> amount of usage of the user that is determined <u>calculated</u> by combining the number of uses <u>tracked by said manager</u> of the function accessed by the user with the weight assigned to that <u>the</u> function.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the amount of usage <u>amount</u> is determined by multiplying the number of uses of the function by the weight assigned to that function.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, further comprising a total amount of usage for the user by summing amounts <u>a quantity</u> of said usage <u>amount</u>.

9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the file is a webserver function log file.

10. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the file is a user log file.

11. (Currently Amended) An article for billing a user in a service provider environment comprising <u>a computer-readable signal bearing medium storing instructions comprising</u>:

    a computer-readable signal-bearing medium;

    means in the medium <u>instructions</u> for assigning a weight to a <u>web-server implemented</u> function;

    means in the medium <u>instructions</u> for identifying <u>determining</u> at least one function that is

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accessed by the user from a file;

means in the medium instructions for determining a number of uses of identifying the function accessed by the user responsive to said determination instruction assigned to that function: and

means in the medium instructions for determining calculating a usage amount by combining the number of uses of each said function by the weight assigned to that said function.

12. (Currently Amended)   The article of claim 11, wherein the instructions for calculating usage amount of usage is determining by includes multiplying the number of uses of the function by the weight assigned to that the function.

13. (Currently Amended)   The article of claim 11, further comprising means instructions for determining a total amount of usage for the user by summing usage amounts.

14. (Currently Amended)   The article of claim 11, wherein the file is a webserver function file.

15. (Currently Amended)   The article of claim 11, wherein the file is a user log file.

16. (Original) The article of claim 11, wherein the medium is a recordable data storage medium.

17. (Original) The article of claim 11, wherein the medium is a modulated carrier signal.

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